

THE LEDGER.

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1888.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—COUNTY OFFICES.

STATE SENATE.

WE are authorized to announce a candidate for the State Senate from this, the Kansas Senatorial District, subject to the rules and usages of the Democratic party.

LEGISLATURE.

WE are authorized to announce a candidate for Representative in the Legislature from Andrain county, subject to the rules and usages of the Democratic party.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.

WE are authorized to announce a candidate for the office of Prosecuting Attorney of Andrain county, subject to the rules and usages of the Democratic party.

SHERIFF.

WE are authorized to announce a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Andrain county, subject to the rules and usages of the Democratic party.

COUNTY CLERK.

WE are authorized to announce a candidate for the office of County Clerk of Andrain county, subject to the rules and usages of the Democratic party.

COUNTY TREASURER.

WE are authorized to announce a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Andrain county, subject to the rules and usages of the Democratic party.

COUNTY ASSESSOR.

WE are authorized to announce a candidate for the office of County Assessor of Andrain county, subject to the rules and usages of the Democratic party.

CONSTABLE SALT RIVER TOWNSHIP.

WE are authorized to announce a candidate for the office of Constable of Salt River township, subject to the rules and usages of the Democratic party.

CONSTABLE FRAIRIE TOWNSHIP.

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VEST, CLAY AND COOK.

To the Editor of the Ledger.

Mexico, Mo., May 10.—I see in the *Intelligencer* of the 7th that Mr. Cook is not so defiant as he has been. I am glad to see it. He is beginning to learn that there are two sides to every question, and that if anyone takes the opposite side to him he has a right to be heard as well as Mr. Cook has on his side. I wrote in the first article, calling the attention of the people to the fact that the State Senator elected in 1888 would be called upon to elect a successor to Senator Vest and warned them that an effort would be made to defeat Senator Vest, and that they had better inquire how Col. Clay stands toward Senator Vest's re-election. I did not intend to say anything more, but the very next day the *Intelligencer* took it up and said that Col. Clay would not pledge himself to vote for any one three years hence for United States Senator. I then came to the conclusion, from the confident tone of Mr. Cook in his paper, that he had telegraphed to Col. Clay and found out how he stood towards Senator Vest, (that could have been easily done, as I understood that Col. Clay announced himself by telegraph to Mr. Cook) as he spoke very positively as all who read his reply to my first will recollect. I then replied to his first and said "that I believed when Col. Clay saw my article he would at once acknowledge the rights of the people and come out in some unequivocal and positive manner and say how he stood towards Senator Vest's re-election, friendly or otherwise. I learn that a copy of each, the daily *Ledger* and daily *Intelligencer*, are daily sent to Col. Clay in Mississippi, where he has been residing with his family for the past five or six months. I then thought that would be the last of it and that Col. Clay would be at home in a few days and would announce to the people how he stood towards Senator Vest's re-election, as his most intimate friends were saying that Col. Clay would be at home in a few days. I claim he had due notice through the daily *Intelligencer* and *Ledger* both that the Senatorial question was agitated. On Friday last, the 5th of May, ten days after Col. Clay had announced himself and after I had concluded to say no more and give Col. Clay time to come home and answer Mr. Cook came out and used the following language: "The one or two self-constituted leaders of this town, might as well understand, first at last, that no amount of blow and bluster can cause Green Clay to pledge himself to vote for any man three years hence." I will leave it to the people if there is a word of "blow and bluster" in any article I have written. I made sure then, from the positive tone of the above abstract from Mr. Cook's article, that as Col. Clay had had time to see all the correspondence in both the *LEDGER* and *Intelligencer* concerning the Senatorial question that he (Colonel Clay) had authorized Mr. Cook to speak for him. Mr. Cook says in his last article that he does not pretend to speak for Col. Clay. All well, then, I shall not dispute Mr. Cook's word. Mr. Cook says I was discourteous to Col. Clay in not giving him time to answer. I claim I had given him plenty of time. I have given him over ten days notice, that is a legal notice. The primary is coming on. The friends of Senator Vest are in earnest. They are not to be put off and dictated to by those like Mr. Cook, who are known to be Senator Vest's violent enemies, and who would do all in their power to defeat him in 1891. The friends of Senator Vest would bite at the little bait he throws out in these words in his article. "The *Intelligencer* has disapproved of public acts of Senator Vest and does not hesitate to say there are a number of distinguished Democrats in this State, one of whom is a citizen of Andrain county, who, while not so brilliant as Mr. Vest, would make Missouri a more creditable Senator." That is the tactics of the opposition to Senator Vest; is to get as many candidates as possible, (one from each county if possible), and then combine against him and defeat him, and thereby take from the people a servant of experience, faithfulness and towering ability. You have a right to use all your great ability to defeat Senator Vest, Mr. Cook, but I don't believe you can do it. We will wait and see. I don't know who your candidate is in Andrain. I don't believe there is to-day a man living in Andrain whom the people would take and lay aside Senator Vest, and thereby hush that eloquent voice, which when occasion required, has been heard on the floor of the U. S. Senate for the last 9 years in defence of the sacred rights of the people. I wish we had in this county, but we have not, a man the equal of Senator Vest, not an one can come in sight of him in point of ability and eloquence.

If I have done Col. Clay any wrong, I ask here, publicly, his pardon. The defiant articles of Mr. Cook made me say what I did in relation to Col. Clay in my article preceding this. I thought from the tone of Mr. Cook's article he had a right to speak for Col. Clay. He says he has not. I must say, he has taken great privileges with his name since he has been a candidate for State Senator, not to have a right to speak for him. I want to say positively right here, that if

Col. Clay had, within due time after I wrote my second article, come out and said how he stood towards Senator Vest, and had said he was friendly, I should have done as I then said I would do, give him my hearty support. Mr. Cook endorses in his paper of the 9th to create the impression that I was insincere. I deny into the charge he makes when he says I wrote "to bring on a fight on Col. Clay." I did no such thing, I wrote in the interest of Senator Vest, I wrote that the people might be informed and to keep such men as Mr. Cook from organizing, if possible, to defeat Senator Vest in 1891. I am not ashamed of what I have written; I have merely exercised the right of a free American citizen and a Democrat. Whenever that right is denied me, then I pray my end may come. He is bothered about me writing under a "nom de plume." If my articles had been scurrilous in their nature then he might have complained. They have been otherwise—fair, frank and considerate. If Mr. Cook or anyone wants to know my name so as to have no doubt about it, you are at liberty, Mr. Editor, to give it to them. I am in earnest for the re-election of Senator Vest, and I have heretofore said, shall oppose the candidacy of any man who would say how he stands towards Senator Vest's re-election. Mr. Editor, I don't wish to say other word about this matter and shall not unless I am forced to do so.

A VEST DEMOCRAT.

The Windsor Folding Bed.

The ladies of Andrain and surrounding counties are cordially invited to call and inspect this justly celebrated upright folding bed, which has no equal for easy working and elegance, at exceedingly low prices. The Windsor is the best folding bed made.

J. M. MENEFEE, Mexico.

Dr. Wesley Humphrey Dead.

Dr. Wesley Humphrey, of this State, died at his home in Kansas City Wednesday. He was 67 years old. He was a native of the State of New York and moved to Geneva, Ill., about 1854. He was surgeon in the army for over four years and with Generals Grant and Sherman in their whole Mississippi campaign. In 1890 he moved to this city, where he resumed the regular practice of his profession. In 1880 he removed to Moberly, where he acted as division surgeon of the Wabash railway. Two years ago he removed to Kansas City, where he has since resided. He was widely known in the medical profession as a physician and surgeon of unusual skill.

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It is said that the Board of Trade of an enterprising town in Kansas recently purchased 2,000 copies of the Bible, printed a map of the city on the fly leaf, ran a description of the country around the margin of the book of Genesis, put "inducements to capitalists" in green around Psalms, and cards of real estate dealers in blue at the beginning of each book all through the New Testament, and sent volumes east as boom literature. And it is further said that when a poor deluded man over in Illinois read in the good book, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," he exclaimed as natural as life, "That's another Kansas lie!"

Vawter's Slayer Arrested.

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What it Means.

The election of David R. Francis means progress.

It means immigration, the influx of manufacturers, the building of railroads, the busy hum of workshops, the development of mines and an increase of \$5 and \$10 and \$15 an acre of our lands. It means a transition from the political clap-net and effete methods of the past, to the commercial energy and business thought of the present.

It means the infusion of new life and spirit, and that the magnificent resources of Missouri will no longer be passed by for the barren prairies and waterless plains of Kansas and Texas and Colorado. It means for Missouri what within three years has done for St. Louis—an advertisement of its internal improvements, a reduction of interest on our state debt and the restraint of the encroachments of corporate power.

Why are the railroad lobbyists, the vultures of monopoly, the political strikers and bidders and parasites fighting him from one end of the State to the other? Why are money being spent like water, all other candidates have combined against him and a most bitter, unscrupulous and desperate war is being made upon him? It is because his election means triumph of the people, a rebuke to bummerism and money greed, and a substitution of industrial growth for stagnation.

This is the meaning of the Francis boom which has caught like a prairie fire from one end of the State to the other and which no power inside the Democratic party or out of it can stay.

"I have been in business here a number of years," said a well known business man this morning, "and never have I known business to be as good as this season. I have sold more goods since January 1st than ever before in the same length of time."

HEARD FROM—Recent railroad extensions have